

the records, documents, papers, books and other data under the jurisdiction and supervision of the Commission. The Archivist, his assistants, clerks and other employees shall receive such salary or compensation as may be recommended by the Commission and provided in the Budget.

87C. It shall be the duty of the Commission to have collected old court records, official documents, records, reports, old newspapers, church records, private papers and other historical data pertaining to the history of the Province and State of Maryland from the earliest times, and to have said documents, records and material properly repaired, filed, indexed, preserved and, when deemed desirable, copied and/or edited and published; to encourage historical investigation and research in the history of the State. All papers, records, relics and other memorials connected with the early history of Maryland not required for the necessary operations of any other office, shall be under the supervision of and belong to said Commission.

87D. The Commission shall have power and authority to adopt a seal for its official use and business, to adopt rules for its own governance and to determine the type and character of records, documents, publications and other data which it will accept or receive for safekeeping.

The Commission shall have power to acquire by gift, or to purchase with any funds appropriated or given to it for that purpose, any records, documents, publications or other material which it may deem worthy of preservation.

87E. Every State, county, city, town or other public official in the State in custody of public records or documents is hereby authorized and empowered, in his discretion, to turn over to the Commission and deposit for preservation any original papers, official books, records, documents, files, newspapers, printed books, or portraits, not in current use in his office, and when so surrendered, and accepted by the Commission, copies may be made and certified under the seal of the Commission upon application of any person, which certification shall have the same force and effect as if made by the officer originally in charge of same, and the Commission shall charge for such copies the same fees as such officer is allowed by law to charge, which fees shall be accounted for and paid into the State Treasury.